

**P-20 Council
Steering Committee Meeting
August 8, 2007-2:00 p.m.
Meeting Notes**

Location: 1700 W. Washington, 2nd Floor Conference Room, Phoenix, AZ 85007
Committee Members Present: Dr. Rufus Glasper, Dr. Karen Nicodemus (telephonic), and Paul Luna.
Staff Present: Lauren Kielsmeier, Erin Hart, Debra Raeder, Claire Parriott.
Guests Present: None.

1. Call to Order and Welcome

Dr. Glasper called the meeting to order at 2:10 pm. It was noted that Dr. Karen Nicodemus was attending telephonically.

2. Update/Discussion: State Board of Education Study Session

Dr. Karen Nicodemus provided an update on the State Board of Education (SBE) study session scheduled for August 10, 2007. It is expected that at this meeting the Board will take action to direct SBE staff to begin the process to modify the rules around graduation requirements. It is anticipated that SBE would like to adopt the new rule by December 2007. The committee discussed the need for a communications strategy that builds support for this effort, as well as a one-pager of information that P-20 Council members can use and disseminate.

3. Update/Discussion: STEM Grant Application

Governor's staff continues to work on putting together a plan for an Arizona STEM Center. An application for a \$250,000 grant has been submitted to the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. Current goals for the STEM Center focus on attracting more teachers into the areas of math and science; expanding professional development; and rewarding, recognizing, and expanding programs in districts that attract and help students be successful in these areas. The committee members discussed the importance of convening a meeting with interested foundation partners.

4. Update/Discussion: 21st Century Skills Conference

Staff updated the committee on the possible opportunity to participate with the Partnership for 21st Century Skills in their October statewide conference in Tucson.

5. Review/Discussion-Work of the committees

- a. **Communications Committee:** Paul Luna announced that there will be a communications workshop with Reister on August 13, 2007. Participants include P-20, the Early Childhood Development and Health Board, Arizona Department of Education, ABOR, the State Board of Education, Arizona Community Foundation, Ellis Center for Educational Excellence, and others to explore a coordinated communications campaign. It was suggested to invite a community college representative as the Arizona Community College Association is working to create their own marketing plan.
- b. **Education Alignment Committee:** The mathematics alignment recommendations have been submitted to Achieve, Inc. for a second quality review and are on track for presentation at the October 1, 2007 P-20 Council meeting. Staff reported that the Higher Education Demand and Feasibility study has been received and is being reviewed. It is anticipated that the report should be ready for distribution within a month.
- c. **Education Workforce Pathways Committee:** No update.
- d. **Teachers Committee:** No update.

- e. **Adolescent Literacy Committee:** Work continues on a toolkit for 4th grade teachers to distribute with the Governor's Book Program in September 2007.
- f. **Data, Assessment & Graduation Committee:** Work continues on teacher identification legislation; a meeting was held with representatives from ADE, AEA, and P-20 on August 2, 2007. A follow up meeting has been set for August 14, 2007.
- g. **Steering Committee:** No update.

6. Next Steps

Staff is currently reviewing and updating the Council's Executive Order and membership. No major changes are anticipated at this time. The Credits Count committee is still undergoing evaluation. Dr. Glasper requested that staff consider a "mini-retreat" for the P-20 Council in the immediate future to bring the members up-to-date on all of the work that is being accomplished by the Committees.

7. Call to the Public

There were no requests from the public to address the Committee.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business or discussion, the meeting was adjourned by Dr. Glasper at 3:20 pm.